

**EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**CHESTER COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-21**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF  
OPEN SPACE FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A  
CONSERVATION EASEMENT OVER A 25.4 +/- ACRE  
PROPERTY AT 219 FULMER ROAD.**

**WHEREAS**, the preservation of open space and acquisition of interests in land benefits the public and advances the public health, safety, morals and general welfare of the citizens of East Coventry Township and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of East Coventry Township intends to promote and encourage the preservation of lands for Open Space Uses as defined by the Pennsylvania Open Space Lands Act, 32 P.S. 55002 et seq. within the Township by funding transactions for the acquisition of interests in real property; and

**WHEREAS**, the funding of transactions for the acquisitions of interests in real property for Open Space Uses directly benefits the citizens of East Coventry Township; and

**WHEREAS**, French & Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust, Inc. is a nonprofit corporation organized and existing under the law, and having its principal office at 4030 S. Whitehorse Rd., Second Floor, P.O. Box 288, Devault, PA 19432 ("French & Pickering"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Township and French & Pickering desire to purchase conservation and trail easements on and over a 25.4 +/- acre parcel further identified as 219 Fulmer Road, owned by Noel R. Billingsley and Janae R. Billingsley, being further identified as Chester County UPI #18-4-164 (the "property"); and

WHEREAS, French & Pickering is a publicly supported, tax-exempt nonprofit organization, qualified under Section 501(c)(3) and 170(h) of the Internal Revenue Code, whose primary purpose is the preservation, protection, or enhancement of land in its natural, scenic, historical, agricultural, forested, and/or open space condition; and

WHEREAS, French and Pickering has assisted the Township in procuring grant funding in the amount of **SIXTY-NINE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS** (\$69,900.00) for the purchase of the conservation easement representing approximately 30% of the purchase price.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of East Coventry Township as follows to effectuate the purchase of the conservation and trail easements for the above stated purposes:

(1) The Township approves the expenditure of open space funds in the amount of **ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS** (\$170,100.00) as an approximate 70% contribution for the purchase of the conservation easement plus title insurance and closing costs.

(2) All actions taken by individuals acting on behalf of the Township prior to the date of this Resolution in furtherance of the acquisition of the conservation and trail easements and in furtherance of the Township business in this regard are hereby ratified and confirmed.


(3) This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

**APPROVED** at the public meeting of the East Coventry Township Board of Supervisors held on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024.

Attest:

  
Eugene C. Briggs, Secretary

By:

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF  
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP**  
  
Ray Kolb, Chairman